

# CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on August 11, 2022, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

## **PRESENT**

John Smedley, Mayor  
Larry Cory, Alderman  
Jane Hoover, Alderman  
Lauren Riggs, Alderman  
Randy White, Alderman

Chief Jim Kerns  
Jessica Shaw, City Administrator/Attorney  
Kathy Rollins, Park Director  
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## **OPENING**

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:04 p.m. Mayor asked the Council to review their copies of the July 14, 2022, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies provided to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July 14, 2022, and today's agenda. Alderman Riggs motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, all voted aye.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-**

- None.

## **POLICE REPORT**

- Chief Kerns provided report on police activity for the month of July, noting 1 assault in the business district, and another incident involving fraud and elevated assault to be referred to the County for prosecution.

- Traffic enforcement continues to increase as officers become more proficient with the hand-held devices now being used to issue warnings/citations. Stop times have been cut nearly in half, allowing officers to make more stops each shift.

- The department continues to address nuisance ordinance violations, with several properties now in compliance and a handful of others with pending charges before the Municipal Court.

- As students head back to school, expect patrols to increase along bus routes every morning/afternoon.

## **COURT REPORT-**

- J. Shaw presented the court report for the month of July, 2022, with 17 new cases filed, 37 cases resolved, and total revenues of \$4,500.00. The unusually low number of new cases filed in July is just a lag caused by the switch from InCode to Show-Me-Courts. Filings will likely be closer to 150-200/month from here on out.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS**

- Alderman Riggs inquired about spray-painted marks recently seen on some of the streets on the East side of the City. Per Mayor Smedley, these are just survey marks related to a residential property – they are not connected to any work being performed for the City. Mayor Smedley further added that utility companies currently have no obligation to notify the City before cutting open streets or otherwise performing work related to the provision of their services to residents.
- Alderman White reported on his volunteer work helping some of the City's older residents with tree/brush removal and mowing. Additionally, there was discussion about the newsletter that was recently sent out to residents with the sewer bill and suggestions for items to include with the December sewer bills.
- Alderman Riggs asked for a status report on plans to update the City Code. Per Mayor Smedley and J. Shaw, focus will shift to this project after training on Show-Me-Courts is completed and the new system has been fully implemented. This includes the migration of older InCode cases over to SMC, which hasn't begun yet but is expected to be particularly time-consuming. A more specific estimate on the time frame for completion will be provided once the migration process begins and we have a better handle on how long it's going to take to import each case.
- Kathy Rollins provided report on Imeson Park as follows:
  - Another memorial bench has been sponsored, leaving 2 benches available. This doesn't include the bench set aside for dedication to former Chief of Police, Mike Benne.
  - Bids for cleaning services at both Imeson and City Hall have been coming in but no vendor has been selected yet.
  - Furnace repair costs have been included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and work should be completed well before colder temperatures arrive.
  - Rentals have been slow through the hotter weather but are starting to pick up again. Several Girl Scout troops will be using the space again this year, with service projects planned to improve park grounds.
  - Dead trees have been removed.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS-**

- Treasurer Wortman provided reported on the City's financial documents and stated there are no concerns with Paybills resolution, cashflow, or budget vs. actual reports. Alderman Hoover moved to approve Paybills Resolution 08-11-22, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS-**

- Final plans for the new bridge on I-29 over 72<sup>nd</sup> Street have been received and distributed to Aldermen for review/comment.
- Tree removal from City right-of-way has been progressing in stages and should be completed by the end of the month.
- The next stage of storm water improvements is slated to begin the last week of September.
- In response to inquiries by Alderman Riggs, Mayor Smedley volunteered to make contact with the out-of-state owner of the small lot that sits adjacent to the back side of Imeson Park with the goal of this property being donated to the City.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 864 – TAX LEVY**

- Mayor Smedley explained the statutorily-mandated calculations that are used to determine the City's tax rate, based on county assessments of property values, resulting in a levy rate of .7358% for tax year 2022. This rate will equate to an increase of approximately \$.10 per household over last year's assessment.
- No members of the public wished to comment, and the hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

- Mayor Smedley proposed the appointment of Roger Bibens to the Zoning Commission and Ruth Beedle to the Board of Zoning Adjustments, each for a term of 5 years. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve the appointments, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.
- 2022 Business Licenses taken up, with Alderman White motioning for approval of all, Alderman Riggs seconding, and all voting aye.
- The budget for FY 2023 was taken up for approval. Alderman Hoover so motioned, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.
- Mayor Smedley asked for approval of proposed Ordinance 864 – An Ordinance Levying a Tax and Setting the Tax Rate on All Real Estate and Personal Property, Subject by Law to Taxation, Within the Limits of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri, for the Year 2022. J. Shaw read Ordinance No. 864 twice by title. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve with roll call, Alderman Riggs seconded, roll call taken and all voted aye.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

- Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman White so moved, Alderman Riggs seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw